



Football Legend and Manchester United Great Ole Gunnar Solskjaer arrives in India



Pune (Voice news service):- Red Devils gathered in Bengaluru on Friday morning to welcome the Baby Face Assassin, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who arrived in India for the first time and touched down at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. The Manchester United Star and football legend is here in India for a three-city tour starting with the Garden City followed by Mumbai (Feb 10) and then New Delhi (Feb 11)

at the invite of Manchester United die-hard fan and Sports Entrepreneur Tilak Gaurang Shah, who is also the founder of India's largest quizzing company, Ace of Pubs. The three-city tour will witness an unfiltered and nostalgic-filled conversation with the football great as part of "An Evening with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer" where sports fans and football fanatics will get an opportunity to engage with the Manchester United Legend.

THE LEELA PALACE NEW DELHI ELEVATES THE ART OF HOSPITALITY AT THE 15TH EDITION OF INDIA ART FAIR



Pune (Voice news service):- The Leela Palace New Delhi partnered with the prestigious India Art Fair for its 15th edition as the official Hotel and VIP Lounge Hospitality Partner. The Leela Palace New Delhi has been associated with the India Art Fair, the biggest fair experience of modern and contemporary Indian art in the world for the last three years to celebrate diverse forms of art, from traditional Indian craftsmanship to contemporary masterpieces. The

Leela Palace New Delhi, has long held partnerships with luminaries in the arts and this unique partnership with the India Art Fair, underscores The Leela's unwavering commitment to excellence in hospitality and the seamless integration of art, crafted into unique guest experiences. Held in New Delhi, the India Art Fair took place at the NSIC grounds in Okhla from February 1 to 4, 2024. It was one of the largest exhibitions of modern and contemporary Indian art globally, with more than 70 trailblazing exhibitors present from all over India and a diverse array of art enthusiasts and collectors in attendance. The fair featured a diverse range of artistic expressions, including paintings, sculptures, prints, mixed-media pieces, and photography. The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts has been committed to promoting

the rich and vibrant art legacy of India, through curated experiences for guests. By partnering with this esteemed event, The Leela Palace New Delhi engaged with global art enthusiasts, art collectors, and cultural connoisseurs, via guided art tours, special dining experiences and other special activations that highlight and pay homage to the city's evolving art sensibilities. Anupam Dasgupta, Area Vice President (North India) and General Manager at The Leela Palace New Delhi, stated, "Art is an integral part of our brand identity at The Leela and we take pride in celebrating India's art, luxury and culture. We believe in the transformative power of art to transcend boundaries, evoke emotions, and tell stories that resonate deeply with our guests. This partnership with the India Art Fair has allowed us to deepen

our engagement with our country's vibrant cultural landscape. It is a platform where we not only showcased our commitment to excellence in hospitality but also contributed to the cultural dialogue by integrating art seamlessly into the specially curated guest experiences." The collaboration with the India Art Fair provided The Leela with a unique opportunity to highlight its dedication to both luxury and culture. The Leela Palace New Delhi is renowned for offering guests an immersive experience where art seamlessly blends with hospitality, creating an ambiance that is captivating and inspiring. Here, art is not only adorned on walls; but is woven into the fabric of the brand, enriching every aspect of the guest experience with beauty, meaning, and creativity, following the principle of Atithi Devo Bhava – Guest is God.

V-TRANS Sets Sights High: Propels Growth and Expansion

Pune (Voice news service):- V-Trans, a prominent player in the logistics landscape, has unveiled ambitious plans for rapid growth, targeting a turnover of INR 3000 Crore by 2026. The company, known for its leadership position in the industry, has outlined a comprehensive strategy focusing on surface transport and leveraging technology for sustainable profitability. Commenting on this, Mr. Mahendra Shah, Chairman and Managing Director, of V-Trans (India) Ltd said, "At V-Trans, our vision goes beyond logistics; it encompasses building a future where growth is sustainable, technology is transformative, and our ecosystem flourishes. The INR 3000 Crore turnover target by 2026 reflects not just our ambition but also our commitment to a responsible and impactful journey.

We are not merely transporting goods; we are creating opportunities, embracing innovation, and contributing to a greener tomorrow." Further, he added, "I am proud of the team's dedication, and I assure our customers, partners, and stakeholders that V-Trans will continue to be at the forefront of positive change in the logistics industry. Together, we are not just moving goods; we are propelling growth, fostering innovation, and building a future that transcends expectations." Image Caption - Left to Right : Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagary, VP Strategy and Projects, V-Trans (India) Ltd., Mr. Mahendra Shah, CMD, V-Trans (India) Ltd., and Mr. Vikash Shekhar, GM, North and East Zone, V-Trans (India) Ltd, during the announcement of growth and expansion for the Northern region.

"SATO Toilet Express" takes affordable sanitation solutions to 95 villages across Bihar and Maharashtra

Pune (Voice news service):- SATO, the award-winning social business part of LIXIL, is proud to announce its ambitious and impactful initiative, "SATO Toilet Express – Swachata Ka Sandesh Gaon Gaon Mein!" This van-based awareness campaign is designed to raise awareness about the importance of using toilets in rural and semi-urban areas across 2 states in India - Bihar and Maharashtra.



"SATO Toilet Express" is not just a campaign; it is a dynamic and comprehensive effort to instill a behavioral shift towards improved hygiene and sanitation practices. The initiative reaches the grassroots of society, embodying SATO's commitment to make safe sanitation more accessible to all. In order to achieve that, it introduces affordable solutions that can be easily acquired at the village level by masons, retailers, and dealers. The van covered 60 villages in Bihar and 35 vil-

lages in Maharashtra over 30 days, bringing awareness and promoting positive sanitation practices in each community. Recent research by FINISH Mondial and the Sanitation Learning Hub in Bihar & Maharashtra reveals increased toilet coverage after the launch of SBM, yet universal access remains elusive. Poverty and social marginalization disproportionately affect those excluded from toilet usage. Retrofitting and maintenance services are crucial, addressing defunct toilets. Interventions should factor

in flood, drought, and appropriate technology for diverse terrains. Many schools lack functional handwashing facilities. Community toilets often don't exist or are non-functional due to a lack of maintenance systems. In most villages, finding workers for toilet construction is challenging. The study underscores the need for comprehensive strategies to ensure widespread, sustainable sanitation access. Ms. Anandita Kakkar, Leader Marketing, South Asia, LIXIL, commended: "By directly engaging communities, this

FUEL annual conclave sparks ideas in CSR, education, skilling for Viksit Bharat 2047

Pune (Voice news service):- FUEL, a leading non-profit organisation pioneering CSR-led education, skilling and counselling, held its Annual Conclave & Future Skills Summit today, bringing together the leading minds in government and corporate to deliberate on the most pressing issues in education and employability. During the event, scholarship certificates were awarded to 50 underprivileged girl students and 10 scholars received recognition for their outstanding performance in the presence of chief guests Hon'ble Aditi Varda Sunil Takare, Minister of woman and Child Development, Govt of Maharashtra and special guest, Bharath Bommai, industrialist and entrepreneur. The event was a confluence of corporate leaders, policy makers and stakeholders in education who exchanged views, experiences, best practices, challenges and innovation in CSR (corporate social responsibility) and together charted the course ahead for talent acquisition in futuristic skills. At the ceremony, the Martina Merz leadership award was given to Vaishnavi Yadav, BBA student and the Cyrus Poonawala leadership award was bestowed upon PGDM student Shradha Kasar. The 'Fuel your dreams' scholarship for PGDM students was also flagged off by FUEL founder, chairman Ketan Deshpande. He also announced his vision to set up a university to provide free higher education to all underserved communities,



impacting the lives of 10,000 students. Among other big announcements, Deshpande launched 'The Hope Stories' book and announced the expansion of new skills centre, digital skills initiative, VFS global program and the new batch of Cape Gemini digital academy. FUEL also exchanged MOUs with partners like IIBM, BP, AXA, Evonik, VFS Global. FUEL, an initiative of founder chairman Ketan Deshpande, is a 100% CSR funded university imparting 21st century skill training and education to students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. FUEL facilitates leading MNCs and corporates to channel their CSR funds toward education and skilling, preparing the next generation of Indians for the job market that will be significantly impacted by technological transformations. FUEL has skilled over 1 lakh youth and imparted career counselling to more than 10 lakh students, receiving several awards and recognitions for its pathbreaking efforts. FUEL's flagship business school is also built on the principles of the parent body,

keeping social responsibility, innovation and entrepreneurship at its core. Its state-of-the-art infrastructure, world class faculty and a thriving student community make FUEL business school an institution of higher learning of growing consequence. Hon'ble Aditi Varda Sunil Takare, Minister of woman and Child Development, said, "My association with FUEL gives me the opportunity to work for my rural constituency. Education goalposts have shifted over the last few years. We must not only ensure children receive a degree or complete graduation but that they also enrol in courses that ensure them a bright future. This is where FUEL bridges the gap between underprivileged students and their big dreams by providing them financial assistance. I also urge the education stakeholders to formulate policies on strengthening the mental health of students since they endure far more pressure on performance today. I congratulate FUEL for giving us this platform to brainstorm ideas and solutions." Founder chairman, FUEL,

Ketan Deshpande said, "FUEL is building the foundation for Viksit Bharat 2047 by empowering youth through skilling, education and mentorship. We endeavour to direct private sector funds toward causes like education, which will reap multiple dividends for our country – meeting the sustainable development goal 4 of quality education for all and preparing a workforce ready to deal with problems of the future. Education and employability are twin challenges of India on the path to 'developed' status. It is a major opportunity for corporates who want to direct the course of the future by harnessing the potential of Indian youth, refining and mentoring them to fill futuristic roles that will require an advanced skill set. Through our conclave and summits, we build thought leadership surrounding these crucial topics that need urgent solutions" Santosh Huralikoppi, chief mentor, FUEL said, "FUEL annual conclave and future skills summit is a breeding ground for ideas and innovations on the future of employability, talent acquisition and the role of CSR in nation building. We continue to steer thought leadership on crucial subjects like education, skill training and the integration of private sector with these efforts in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. We are confident that the FUEL model will be instrumental in bringing equity in quality and access for millions of students across the length and breadth of India."

Mastering Exam Season: Find the Right Pen Grip and Manage Your Success

Pune (Voice news service):- As exam season approaches, worry amongst students takes center stage. Whether it's cracking difficult subjects or getting exam material ready, taking the right steps to ensure confidence is key for success. Not only does students' knowledge of the topic at hand matter, but the tools they use to complete their exams also make a world of difference. Putting pen to paper improves cognitive ability and information retention amongst students. Similarly, pen grip is crucial for notetaking and ensuring an efficient, smooth, and uninterrupted writing experience. Writing with a comfortable grip helps the hand move effortlessly while the brain entirely focuses on grasping and retaining information. The right grip suitable to the students' fingers will also ensure an exam experience that

is unhindered by any pain or tiring feeling. In addition to cognitive ability, a comfortable grip encourages proper writing posture. BIC Cello offers a range of pens that aim to equip students with comfortable writing tools as they embark on this stressful season. Techno Tip, Ball Pen: this is the go-to exam special pen specifically designed with students in mind. Its distinctive Elasto Grip and lightweight body ensures a comfortable writing experience for extended periods. Say goodbye to exam stress with Techno Tip, making your writing sessions a breeze. The Techno Tip is sold for INR 10 and can be found on Amazon or any stationery stores around you. Butterfly Ball Pen: experience effortless smooth writing with the range of Butterfly Ball and gel Pens. Featuring a specially formulated ink for smoothness, a 0.7 mm tip for

precision, and an anti-slip grip for comfort. The attractive foil design makes it the perfect choice for stylish and practical student writing. You can choose from a range of ball, gel, and roller pens. These pens are sold starting from INR 10 at online marketplaces like Amazon and stationery stores around you. Gripper Ball Pen: experience comfort with the Gripper Ball Pen's perfectly crafted elasto grip. Featuring a specially formulated ink for smoothness, a 0.5 mm tip to render ultra fine handwriting. Light on the hand and fingers, this pen is the optimum choice to use for academic purposes. The nickel-silver tip cover ensures pressure-free writing. These pens are sold starting from INR 8 at online marketplaces like Amazon and stationery stores around you. Jetta Ball & Gel Pens: With a bold design and an ergonomically designed grip, Jetta

packs a premium writing experience. Thanks to the jumbo refill, it is a perfect match for students to handle their exams stress-free. Available in two variants, Jetta Ball has a 0.7mm damage resistant tip that will give you peace of mind while you write. While Jetta Gel with its 0.7mm spring tip will add a glide factor while you write. These ball & gel pens are sold from INR 30 & 35 respectively at online marketplaces like Amazon and stationery stores around you. Pinpoint Pen: a student favorite known as the Exam Special Pen. Featuring a unique elasto grip and a lightweight body makes it easy to write comfortably for a long time. A 0.7 mm tip that glides smoothly on paper rendering a breezy writing experience. These pens are sold from INR 10 at online marketplaces like Amazon and stationery stores around you.

Total Energies and ONGC in India Join Forces to Detect and Measure Methane Emissions

Pune (Voice news service):- On the occasion of India Energy Week 2024, TotalEnergies and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) have signed a Co-operation Agreement to carry out methane emissions detection and measurement campaigns using TotalEnergies' pioneer AUSEA (Airborne Ultralight Spectrometer for Environmental Applications) technology. The Cooperation Agreement was signed by Dr. Sangkaran

Ratnam, Country Chair of TotalEnergies in India on behalf of TotalEnergies and Ms. Sushma Rawat, Director (Exploration) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation on behalf of ONGC. ONGC has been inviting international technology partners to help reduce its methane emissions in India by 2030, while TotalEnergies has decided to share its AUSEA technology in an effort to pivot the whole industry towards zero methane emis-

sions by 2030. Both companies are party to the Oil and Gas Decarbonization Charter (OGDC), global industry initiative launched at COP28. ONGC joins a growing list of national companies who have signed cooperation agreements with TotalEnergies for the use of AUSEA including Petrobras in Brazil, SOCAR in Azerbaijan, Sonangol in Angola and NNPC in Nigeria. "Our industry's priority in

the fight against climate change is to slash methane emissions from operations. Aiming for zero methane emissions by 2030 is our collective ambition as signatories of the OGDC at COP28. We are pleased to collaborate and make our AUSEA technology available to ONGC, in India, to detect, measure and eventually reduce methane emissions on their own assets", said Patrick Pouyanné Chairman and CEO of TotalEnergies.

Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Shri John Barla, Visits Dr. DY Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- The Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Shri John Barla, recently undertook a visit to the esteemed Dr. DY Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune. Renowned for its excellence in medical education, research and patient care, the institution welcomed the Minister to explore its state-of-the-art facilities and engage in discussions on potential areas for enhancement. During his visit, Minister Barla engaged with representatives of the institution to gain insights into the challenges faced, particularly in legal and other crucial areas. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of both stakeholders to continuous improvement in healthcare and education provision. Reflecting on the visit, Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee and Treasurer of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, stated, "We were honoured



to host Shri John Barla at our institution. His keen interest in understanding our challenges aligns with our dedication to excellence. This visit strengthens our resolve to overcome obstacles and uphold our commitment to providing exceptional healthcare and education." Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pune is one of Maharashtra's leading multi-specialty hospitals with various Centres of Excellence. The hospital is spread over a sprawling 8,27,702 sq. ft. and is well-equipped with state-of-the-art healthcare infrastructure and life-saving

latest medical technology. With 2000+ beds dedicated to different Specialities and Super-specialities, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Center, Pune follows international benchmarks that are performance-driven as well as patient-centric, strongly backed by evidence-based medical expertise. We are NABH and NABL accredited and have been certified as a Green Hospital by the Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPi). Additionally, we hold the 15th rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The university has been awarded

A++ status by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and is an ISO 2015 certified organization (ISO 9001: 2015). Some of India's finest and highly acclaimed doctors are associated with the hospital today. We provide a wide range of healthcare services – diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic, which are supported by a strong foundation of hospital services and infrastructure including 175 ICU beds, 30+ modular operation theatres, 20+ Specialty and Super Specialty OPDs, 3 Tesla-Vida MRI scanners and a Hi-Tech Robotic Surgery Centre, which includes the Da Vinci Xi robot with dual operating consoles and a Robot for Joint Replacement surgeries. We have one of India's most advanced IVF Centres. We also have dedicated corporate programs and a Wellness Clinic offering various packages and services in diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic healthcare for national and international patients.

Celebrities Grace Philanthropist Usha Kakade's Birthday Celebration in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Philanthropist and social activist Usha Kakade hosted an extravagant birthday celebration that saw the presence of esteemed personalities from the entertainment industry. The event, held in Pune, witnessed the attendance of renowned celebrities such as Zeenat Aman, Tanuja, Tanishaa Mukerji, Neelam Kothari, Maheep Kapoor, Amruta Fadnavis, Pooja Chopra, Sunita Ahuja, Yashvardhan Ahuja, Tina Ahuja, and Isha Koppikar, among many others. The star-studded



event served as both a celebration of Usha Kakade's birthday and an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the philanthropic endeavors she has undertaken over the years. Usha Kakade, known for her tireless efforts in championing various social causes, welcomed the celebrities with warmth and gratitude. The birthday celebration showcased the collective support and admiration of

the entertainment industry towards Usha Kakade's unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on society. The presence of these esteemed celebrities further exemplified the influence and reach of Usha Kakade's philanthropic initiatives. The gathering was filled with moments of camaraderie, as celebrities enjoyed an evening of music, dance, and heartfelt conversations. The conversations revolved around the importance of philanthropy and the need for sustained efforts to uplift society.

Jennifer Winget's stylish defense in Raisinghani Vs Raisinghani on Sony LIV

Pune (Voice news service):- Brace yourselves for a legal showdown in Sony LIV's Raisinghani Vs Raisinghani, where Jennifer Winget plays Anushka Raisinghani with unmatched sophistication. As a lawyer, Anushka commands attention not just with her sharp legal mind but also through her power dressing which speaks volumes. Jennifer's portrayal encapsulates the essence of a smart, straightforward, and ethically upright professional, donning attire that mirrors her character's strength. Jennifer's power dressing adds a glamorous twist to the courtroom drama.

Talking about this aspect of the show Jennifer Winget describes the experience, saying, "Anushka Raisinghani is a captivating figure, embodying a unique fusion of legal acumen and refined style that is minimalist yet impactful. She is a lawyer with a heart which is rare to come across, especially in the field of law. What sets Anushka apart is her ability to seamlessly intertwine her professional prowess with her personal elegance, evident in her wardrobe choices. Whether commanding attention in the courtroom or exuding confidence in her daily life, Anushka's attire reflects her strength and

conviction. Through power dressing, she not only makes a fashion statement but also communicates her expertise. From tailored suits and bold jewelry for formal settings to elegant dresses for special occasions, each outfit brings out her character. Anushka is aware of her strengths and weaknesses which she effortlessly blends into her persona and style." Raisinghani v/s Raisinghani will unfold a riveting courtroom drama starring the talented ensemble of Karan Wahi, Reem Sammer Shaikh, and Sanjay Nath alongside Jennifer Winget. It deftly weaves the lives of these three



professionals, probing the intricacies of moral dilemmas and the challenge of choosing the right path over the easy one. Watch Raisinghani vs Raisinghani starting 12th, February Monday to Wednesday 8pm only on Sony LIV

Mahesh Lunch Home Presents the Extravagant Seafood Festival 2024



Pune (Voice news service):- Prepare to be swept away by an opulent tide of flavours as Mahesh Lunch Home proudly returns with its most glamorous and much awaited event of the year - The Seafood Festival 2024. Renowned for its culinary mastery, Mahesh Lunch Home is set to transform dining into an exquisite experience, celebrating the ocean's delicacies like never before! From the succulent Jerk Prawns draped in decadent sauces to tender, buttery Tandoori Bukni Masala Lobster, each creation

is a masterpiece designed to transcend the ordinary and transport diners to a realm of gastronomic bliss. Must try dishes include Prawn Bisque Soup, Tandoori Naga Chilli Crab, Karavali Squid Rava Fry, Andhra Gongura Masala Lobster, Harnai Bombil, Pomfret Chapala Vepudu, Mangalapuram Ghee Roast Prawns, Ambot Tik, Crab Varutha Style, Seafood Kizhi Biryani among others! Ending this gastronomic journey on a sweet note, we also have Semiya Payasam served on a Tender Coconut shell that will leave your hearts in pure bliss. To elevate the indulgence, Mahesh Lunch Home unveils a tapestry of exclusive offers and promotions throughout the festival, including a complimentary glass of House wine or Beer with each 'As Per Catch' order.

"The Mahesh Lunch Home Seafood Festival is our annual ode to the vast and bountiful coast of India, where patrons are invited to the finest offerings of the sea in a setting of unmatched opulence. It is a fest where one can enjoy fresh & local seafood paired with their favourite choice of aromatic wine." notes Narayan Poojari, Managing Director, Shiv Sagar Foods & Resorts Pvt Ltd. Visitors will be greeted with our staff dressed in traditional South Indian attire highlighting the unique blend of culture and heritage, while the harmonious coastal music elevates the scrumptious dining experience. The restaurant is transforming into an undersea wonderland, where every corner is adorned with lavish seafood-inspired decor, promising an immersive and visually

stunning dining experience. From colossal Crab sculptures at the entrance, enchanting fish nets cascading from the ceilings & walls, ship wheels and anchors to maritime-inspired artwork, every detail has been considered to transport diners into a world where the ocean's bounty takes centre stage. Starting 1st February onwards at its Sakinaka (Mumbai) and Camp (Pune) outlets and from 8th February onwards at its Thane outlet, this month long culinary celebration is sure to leave you wanting for more!

Amit Panghal and Akash move into quarters at the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament

Pune (Voice news service):- The commonwealth games gold medalist Amit Panghal, National champion Akash and men's National bronze medalist Abhimanyu put up a stellar show to move into the quarter-final of the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria on Wednesday. Amit (51kg) had Rudyk Maksym's challenge to tack-

le as he eyed his place in the quarters. The experienced campaigner quickly got into his groove and his ability to efficiently get into the attacking position was on display throughout the bout. The first two rounds were all about taking on the opponent, while in the third round, Amit employed his defensive tactics to frustrate his Ukrainian opponent and capitalize on

his errors, advancing to the quarter-finals with a dominant 5-0 unanimous decision win. Amit will face Aldarkhishig Battulga of Mongolia on Friday. Akash (71kg) was up against Traore Mekan of France. Akash started slow but soon picked up the pace as he displayed swift movement and landed a flurry of punches, surprising his opponents and

gaining a significant lead. The performance continued in the second round as Akash continued to be a dominant force in the bout. Traore did make a comeback in the third round but Akash's exploits in the first two rounds were enough to ensure him a 3-1 win as he entered the quarter-final. Akash will now take on McKeever Eugene of Ireland on Friday.

Indian Cricketer Kedar Jadhav inaugurated the Fifth Season of 'Sindhi Premier League' 'SPL-5' donated a dialysis machine to the ANP Care Foundation in Pune



Pune (Voice news service):- Kedar Jadhav, an Indian Cricketer inaugurated the fifth season of Sindhi Premier League, a non-profit-making cricket tournament recently at Mrunal Cricket Ground, Pimpri. This league is kept with the motive of uniting the Sindhi community, aiming at the importance of fitness and contributing to society as well. This year, Sindhi Premier League donated a dialysis machine worth Rs. 7.50 lac to the ANP Care Foundation, a donation of 1.5 lac to Mamata Balsadan of Late Sindhutai Sapkal & 50 thousands to Jagriti School for Blind Girls. Mamata Sapkal, Jawahar Kotwani, Ashok Aswani, Ganesh Kudale & many others were present on the occasion.

From the organizing committee Kanwal Khiyani, Hitesh Dadlani, Kamal Jethani, Ankush Mulchandani, Naresh Nasha, Karan Aswani, Avinash Tejwani, Piyush Jethani, Kunal Gudela, Avinash Israni were also present. The matches will be played for 24 days with a mega closing ceremony on the day of finals on 2nd March 2024. This year another exciting addition to the league is that SPL has added WOMEN SINDHI PREMIER league matches, for women to get a chance to enjoy the sports with their family. 16 Men's teams & 6 Women's cricket teams participating in it this year. The names of Men's teams are Mast Kalandars, Sultans of Sindh, Mohenjodaro Warriors, Sindhful Rangers, SSD



Falcons, Indus Dynamos, Dada Vaswanis Brigade, Jhulelal Superkings, Hemukalani Gladiators, Gurunank Knights, Sant Kanwaram Royals, Aryans United, Jai Baba Stickers, Sindhi Indians, Ajrak Supergiants and Pimpri Yodhas. The names of the women Teams are kept on the important rivers from various parts of this Incredible country - GANGA Warriors, CAUVERY Crusaders, GODAVARI Giants, JHELMUM Queens, SINDHU Starlets, YAMUNA Strikers. Kedar Jadhav said, "This league is important for inculcating sportsmanship among the youth of the Sindhi community. We should enjoy this game with team spirit and honesty. Cricket is a game that brings everyone together.

Sport helps to stay mentally refreshed and physically fit. I am very happy that from this year, women have also been given the opportunity to play, and this initiative taken by the Sindhi community is commendable." Hitesh Dadlani said, "A group of youngsters in Pimpri Chinchwad came together four years ago to organize and envision this league as a place to come out in person and get a feel of meeting people, playing together, and celebrating oneness. The league theme song is - 'Jyo Sindhi' and the tagline is 'PLAY CELIBRATE REPEAT'. The first match of the league was played between Mohenjodaro Worriers & Mast Kalandars and Mast Kalandars won the match by 7 wickets.

10th Edition Poona Club Premier League 2024 from 12th February till 17th February



Pune (Voice news service):- The 10th Edition of 'Poona Club Premier League 2024', will be held on the The Poona Club Cricket ground from 12th to 17th February 2024. Speaking to reporters Mr. Sunil Handa, Hon. President of Poona Club said that Players were selected through a auction (notional) process by the team owners who are members of the club. Vice President and PCPL 2024 Chairman Mr Gaurav Gadhoke quoted this year we have increased the number of teams from 10 to 12 and as a special edition we have included under 16 players and we will be giving scholarship for full year coaching to 25

upcoming players of all categories playing for The Poona Club Ltd. The Title sponsor for the event will be Jet Synthesis (Main Sponsor), Co-Sponsors will be Desai Brothers Ltd, Ellica, Ruby Hall Clinic, Healyos and Surana Traders. Ronak Dhole Patil, Aarav Vij, and Kiran Deshmukh were the most expensive players at the auction. The teams and Owner names are as follows: Jets(Rakesh Navani), GM Typhoons(Ashwin Shah, Krish Shah, Pawan Kataria), Kwalty Warriors(Aarav Vij), Manpreet & GG'S Jaguars(Manpreet Uppal and Gaurav Gadhoke), Oberoi & Neel Kings(Verinder Singh Oberoi and Indraneel



Mujgule), VK Tigers(Vikram Kakade), Four Oaks Sailors(-Sumiran Mehta), Kapilaa Parmar All Stars(Hiren Parmar and Kapil Dhole Patil), Prithvi Lions(Mr Amar Sembey), VNN Wolves(Miss Riddi Shewani), Talab Titans(Mr Ali Talab) and Healyos Eagles(Mr Saail Bhargav and Mr Aditya Bhartia) Speaking about the Tournament Details Mr.Gaurav Gadhoke added that the format of the tournament is changed and designed to be extremely competitive. 12 teams have been divided in 2 groups of 6 teams each by way of a lucky draw. Top 2 teams ,by virtue of points(net run rate if tied on points)from each group will qualify to play

the Semi Finals. The Match will be of 6 Over's per side and will have 9 players per side. The Finals will be played on Saturday 17th February 2024. There is a ladies and children match for members planned on the finals day of the tournament. This year there is going to be lot of food, entertainment and fun for the spectators as well as players. A special committee comprising of Gaurav Gadhoke (Tournament Chairman), Tushar Aswani, Amit Ramnani, Rishi Chainani, Ranjit Pande (Tournament Director) have been formed for the smooth conduct of the event which has been conceptualised and managed by Kara Intellect.

Second edition of Commissioners Veterans Cricket Cup 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- The Second edition of Commissioners Veterans Cricket Cup 2024 which will be organized by Maharashtra Veteran Cricket Association in association with EDGE Eventz & Entertainment will be played at the PYC Hindu Gymkhana Cricket Ground. Speaking to the reporters Mr.Ranjeet More, Acting President, Maharashtra Veteran Cricket Association, Mr.Sudhir Kulkarni, Secretary, Maharashtra Veteran Cricket Association, Mr. Ranjit Khirid, Captain of MVCA & Former Ranji Player, Mr.Umesh Borade, CEO of BU Bhandari Ather and



Mr. Aniket Soman, Director, EDGE Eventz & Entertainment said that, BVCI stands for one prime goal: that age is just a number. In a society where people are expected to start thinking of retirement at the age of forty and age a definite retirement by the age of sixty, BVCI starts the enrolment in teams from the age of forty. We have three age groups which will be

aur continued focus: 40+, 50+ and 60+ (goldensquad). BVCI, you get trained for professional cricket, a which ranges from domestic to international -fixtures and the world cup. We are organizing a friendly Commissioners Cricket Tournament with in the Government Organization to strengthen the bonds between the organizations. The

event will be sponsored by Majestic Realities, Co-Sponsored by BU Bhandari Ather, Suhana Masalewale, Kumar Properties,Rajasa Collection. A total 6 teams which included Income-Tax Tigers, GST Giants, PMC Titans, Gramin Challengers, Police Warriors, Charity Legends will be seen in the action, they added. This is the second successive year of veteran's cup and will be played on League cum knockout basis. The winner and runner up team will get trophy. Apart from that Best Batsman, Best Bowler and man of the series will get trophy during the event, they added.

Loyala High School lift title in hockey league at the St Vincents Junior leagues Tournament

Pune (Voice news service):- Loyala High School lifted title with 15 points in the hockey league match at the St Vincents Junior Leagues Tournament which is being organized by St Vincents High School and Junior College and played on their ground. In the last league encounters, Loyala scored a 6-3 win over St Patricks High School A, while St Vincents High School beat St Patricks High School B by 1-0. The winner and runner up received a trophy and medals. The prizes were given away



at the hands of Mr. Manoj Bhoire, Senior Vice President of Hockey Maharashtra, Fr

Francis Patekar, Principal of St Vincents school, Dr. Wilson Andrews, Fr Francis

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SAUDI TOURISM LAUNCHES LATEST 'SAUDI, WELCOME TO ARABIA'



Pune (Voice news service):- Saudi's national tourism brand 'Saudi Welcome To Arabia' has kicked off another global marketing campaign featuring football legend and Saudi Tourism Ambassador, Lionel Messi.

Launching across key target markets in Europe, India and China, the "Go Beyond What You Think" campaign is anchored on consumer insights, which revealed there are still common misconceptions about the destination, and invites audiences to experience the incredible and vibrant cultural transformation taking place across Saudi. Those that know Saudi are encouraged to share positive experiences and memories on TikTok and social channels using the bi-lingual hashtags #ShareYourSaudi and in Arabic #سأوريحب. The latest 'Saudi Welcome to Arabia' brand campaign is a combination of TV, Social, Digital, and OTA tactics activated over a three-month period. It is the latest in a series of initiatives by Saudi Tourism to foster broadening

of perspectives, and bridging cultures through tourism. The campaign brings to life the UN Tourism, 'Tourism Opens Minds' Initiative that launched on World Tourism Day in Riyadh in September 2023, which extends a compelling invitation for travelers to broaden horizons and explore uncharted corners of the world. Governments and Industry were presented with a special pledge, calling on them to promote new and under-appreciated destinations while consumers pledged to 'be open-minded to new cultures and destinations, holding an open heart while travelling'. Lionel Messi is one of many leading international figures who took that pledge. Messi has a fond connection with Saudi being a frequent visitor to the country, including most recently with his wife, Antonella and two children last Spring. Both Messi and his family have expressed delight in their Saudi experiences and a desire to continue visiting the country. Boldly addressing these misconceptions head-on, the campaign's powerful call-to-action encourages visitors to discover the unexpected beyond outdated stereotypes, with a hero video featuring Messi breaking down metaphorical 'walls' of various misconceptions about the country.

Ram Mandir was built, now Pune should get Punyeshwar Mandir- Sunil Deodhar



Pune (Voice news service):- BJP national leader Sunil Deodhar has said that Ram Mandir could be built only because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and just as the country got Ram

Mandir, the Pune should also get Punyeshwar Mandir. On Sunday, 11th February, 'NaMo Pune Bike Rally' was organized in Pune under the leadership of Sunil Deodhar, at the inauguration of which he said this. More than three thousand bikers and more than five thousand Punekar Ram devotees participated in this bike rally. A large number of women and girls were present in it. On this occasion, Sunil Deodhar said, "We are committed to solve the civic problems in Pune, maintain law and order in the city and let us all take



an oath to make Pune a developed city of international standards." Similarly, he thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving the grand Ram Mandir to the country. The rally started from BJP office, Krishna Sunder Garden, DP Road, Erandwane. On this occasion, thousands of Pune residents including BJP youth leader Kunal Tilak, Mahesh Pawale, President of Rajesh Shivrai Pratishtan and Dinesh Hole participated in the bike rally. Rally route - DP Road to Mhatre Bridge - Shastri Road - Madhavrao Peshwa Road - Bajirao Road - Shanwar Wada - Mod-

ern Cafe - Jangli Maharaj Road - F. C. Road-Dnyaneshwar reached the site of Modern Engineering College via Paduka Chowk. On this occasion, the citizens participating in the rally also tasted Ram Khichdi. The 'NaMo Pune Bike Rally' received a very good response from the people of Pune, through which Prime Minister Narendra Modi was thanked for giving Ram Mandir to the country. All the people of Pune thanked Narendra Modi. At this time, this grand bike rally concluded with slogans like Prosperous Pune, Developed Bharat.

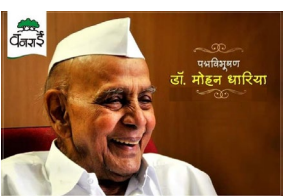
Karnataka Tourism to host Roadshow in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka in association with Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, and a group of stakeholders from Karnataka are set to enchant the vibrant city of Pune as it is set to organize an exclusive Roadshow dedicated to promoting the diverse and captivating tourism offerings of the state. This event will bring together travel agents, tour operators, and media representatives for an immersive experience of Karnataka's rich cultural tapestry, breathtaking landscapes, and unique travel opportunities. The Roadshow aims to create a dynamic platform for Karnataka Tourism to engage with key stakeholders in the travel industry. Travel agents and tour operators from Pune will have the opportunity to explore the treasures Karnataka has to offer, ranging from ancient historical sites and architectural marvels to picturesque natural landscapes and vibrant cultural experiences. Media representatives attending the Roadshow will gain insight into the latest developments, upcoming events, and exclusive travel experiences that Karnataka Tourism is eager to showcase. Through interactive presentations, engaging discussions, and

firsthand accounts, the event seeks to generate excitement and interest in Karnataka as a must-visit destination. Karnataka Tourism is committed to building collaborations and partnerships within the travel industry. The Roadshow aims to strengthen ties, foster networking opportunities, and open avenues for promoting Karnataka's unique tourism offerings. The Roadshow promises to be an immersive experience, providing attendees with a glimpse of Karnataka's diverse attractions and the warm hospitality that awaits visitors. From the historic ruins from the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Hampi, Pattadakal, and Hoysala temples in Belur, Halebidu, and Somnathapur to the lush greenery of Coorg, Karnataka offers a spectrum of experiences catering to every type of traveler. Karnataka Tourism through this Roadshow aims to display the magic of Karnataka - a state where tradition meets modernity, and every journey is a story waiting to unfold and a unique blend of experiences for travelers seeking adventure, history, spirituality, and natural beauty.



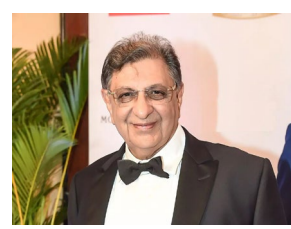
Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla to be Honoured with Prestigious, Late Dr. Mohan Dharia Rashtra Nirman Puraskar for 2024 by Vanarai Foundation"



Pune (Voice news service):- It is with great pride and that we announce Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman and Managing Director of the Serum Institute of India, as the recipient of the distinguished Late Dr. Mohan Dharia Rashtra Nirman Puraskar for the year 2024. This recognition is a testament to Dr. Poonawalla's significant and invaluable contributions to national development, particularly in the field of public health through vaccine manufacturing. The award presentation will take place in a grand ceremony at the Balgandharva Auditorium, Pune, on the 14th of February at 4:45 PM. Shri. Sharad Pawar, former Union Agriculture Minister, will personally bestow the award upon Dr. Poonawalla, in recognition of his tireless efforts and dedication to advancing healthcare solutions for the masses. The ceremony will be graced by the presence of former State Chief Minister, Prithviraj Chavan, who will preside over the event. Joining us a special guest, Dr. Vedprakash Mishra, Chancellor of the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, will grace the occasion. This announcement was made by Vanarai President, Shri. Ravindra Dharia on Friday, the 9th of Feb 2024. Marking another highlight, Dharia stated that this function will also mark the commencement of a yearlong

celebration to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of the late Dr. Mohan Dharia in February 2025. The Rashtra Nirman Puraskar is conferred upon distinguished and senior individuals whose dedication and unwavering commitment have significantly advanced national development. Esteemed figures such as Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar (2014), Anna Hazare (2015), Dr. Jayant Narlikar (2016), Dr. Manmohan Singh (2017), Dr. M. S Swaminathan (2018), Dr. Anil Kakodkar (2019), Dr. Kasturirangan (2020), Dr. E Sridharan (2021), Dr. Madhav Gadgil (2022), and Union Minister for Surface Transport Nitin Gadkari (2023) have previously received this honour. The award comprises a cheque for Rs one lakh, a shawl, and a citation, symbolizing respect and acknowledgment of the recipient's contributions. This initiative was envisioned by Vanarai's Trustee Girish Gandhi, who has dedicated over a decade to nurturing this award program. Vanarai Foundation highlighted Dr. Poonawalla's remarkable efforts in making vaccines accessible to the masses and his substantial impact on public health. Through his leadership at the Serum Institute of India, Dr. Poonawalla has played a pivotal role in safeguarding the health of millions. "Dr. Poonawalla advocated Serum Institute's Founding mission 'health for all, through affordable vaccines'. Established in 1966, the Institute began its journey with the noble aim of manufacturing vaccines to protect citizens

from various diseases. Today, it stands as one of the largest vaccine producers globally, credited with saving over thirty million lives through its vaccination efforts. The Serum Institute's response during the COVID-19 pandemic proved particularly instrumental, offering significant relief not only to India but also to numerous countries worldwide. We are immensely pleased and grateful to recognize Dr. Poonawalla with this award for his exceptional contributions to the nation," stated Shri Girish Gandhi. The ceremony will see the presence of Vanarai President Shri. Ravindra Dharia, Dr. Girish Gandhi, Nitymbhai Desai, Rohidas More, Ganpatrao Patil, Sagar Dharia, Secretary Amit Wadekar, Sameer Saraf, Anant Gharad, Dr. Pinak Dande, Ajay Patil, Nilesh Khandekar, Anil Rathi, Adv. Nishant Gandhi, along with the entire Vanarai parivaar. Dr. Mohan Dharia, an individual remembered as a revolutionary, freedom fighter, policymaker, social reformer, environmentalist, and beloved leader, cast a lasting impact on both pre- and post-independent India. His contributions to the nation, characterized by visionary developmental initiatives, have left a permanent mark on our collective memory. Serving in myriad capacities—as a member of the Lok Sabha, the Rajyasabha, Union Minister, Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, and the founder of Vanarai—over seven decades, Dr. Dharia embodied the essence of nation building, championing the principles of freedom, equality,



brotherhood, democracy, secularism, socialism, and national unity. Beyond his role in Vanarai, Dr. Dharia was a pivotal force in transforming the lives of countless Indians through the establishment of self-help groups and spearheading initiatives in watershed development, reforestation, environmental conservation, and rural development. His pioneering scheme, 'Gaon Ka Pani Khet Mein', aimed at drought mitigation, stands as a testament to his foresight and dedication to India's sustainability. He was a clarion voice for the people's movement for Afforestation, relentlessly striving to realize his vision of a 'Sujalam and Sufalam' India, until his last breath! Dr. Dharia's leadership in creating a robust network of over 7,000 NGOs across the nation underscores his exceptional capacity to mobilize and inspire collective action. His life and work, honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, two D Litt degrees, and numerous prestigious national and international awards, reflect a monumental contribution to the nation's welfare and progress. Through his exemplary journey, Dr. Mohan Dharia has forever etched a legacy of selfless service and unwavering commitment to India's development and well-being.

Blackberrys felicitates Indian winners of the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games at its store in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Blackberrys, the aspirational Indian menswear brand that caters to the fashion needs of the global Indian, celebrated India's unprecedented win of 111 medals at the recently concluded 4th Asian Para Games 2022 held in Hangzhou, during 22-28th October 2023. Embracing the inspirational ethos of 'Keep Rising', Blackberrys takes immense pride in its partnership with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) as the 'Official Ceremonial Partner' for the 4th Asian Para Games. Blackberrys joined hands with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) to become the 'Official Ceremonial Partner' and dressed the Indian contingent participating at the mega event.



As Blackberrys essence mirrors the unwavering spirit of para-athletes who consistently shatter boundaries and overcome the odds. Crafting the ceremonial suit for the Indian contingent was a moment of profound aspiration. Taking forward this association, the brand felicitated all the winners that collectively won 111 medals for the nation - 29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze. "We are so proud of these winners who've beaten all odds to emerge victorious and bring glory for the nation on an international stage. They've commanded the respect and admiration of people across the world for their sheer hard work, determination, and unwavering spirit to succeed against all odds. We applaud their achievements with these humble tokens of our appreciation. We are fervently committed to celebrating the extraordinary journey of these athletes, who epitomize the triumph of determination and resilience. It

has been an absolute honor for Blackberrys to be associated with them on this journey," said Mr. Nitin Mohan, Co-Founder & Director, Blackberrys. The iconic Indian clothing brand is known for the impeccable quality of its innovative, stylish and sharp fitting range of menswear. Solairaj Dharmaraj, a pride of Indian para sports, made history by winning the gold in Men's Long Jump at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou. Born with a vision impairment, Solairaj's journey reflects unwavering dedication and talent. Guided by experienced coaches, he overcame challenges, showcasing exceptional athleticism. At the games, Solairaj left an indelible mark, dominating the competition and inspiring others. His victory breaks barriers, redefining perceptions about what individuals with disabilities can achieve. Soman Rana, a remarkable athlete, secured the silver medal in Men's Seated Shot Put at the Asian Para Games. His journey is marked by determination and skill, overcoming challenges in pursuit of excellence. Born with unique abilities, Soman's precision and strength shone brightly on the global stage. His silver medal not only symbolizes personal triumph but also serves as an inspiration to others, showcasing the

power of resilience in the face of adversity. Soman Rana's achievement in the Hangzhou games is a testament to his dedication and a source of pride for the para sports community. Ajay Kumar, a standout athlete, clinched the silver medal in the Men's 400m at the 2023 Asian Games. Known for his speed and determination, Ajay's journey is a testament to his relentless pursuit of excellence. Overcoming challenges, he showcased exceptional prowess on the track. His silver medal not only signifies personal achievement but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes, highlighting the power of dedication and hard work. Suraj Singh, a skilled archer in the compound men's open category, secured the silver medal at the Asian Para Games. He actively engages in community outreach, advocating for the transformative power of sports. His journey reflects not only athletic prowess but also a genuine desire to inspire others to pursue their dreams. Suraj Singh's silver medal is a testament to his dedication and a source of inspiration for aspiring athletes in the world of para sports. Unni Renu, the bronze medalist in high jump at the Asian Paragames, is a standout athlete hailing from a small town. Discovered his passion for athletics early on, Unni's unique ability and determination propelled him to excel in high jump, turning challenges into opportunities. Unni Renu's story serves as an inspiration, demonstrating that with determination and a focus on inclusivity, one can overcome challenges and achieve greatness in the world of para athletics. Hokato Sema, a formidable athlete in the F-57 Shot Put category, proudly secured the bronze medal at the Asian Para Games. Hailing from a background rooted in determination and athletic prowess, Hokato's journey reflects her commitment to excellence in para sports. Born with unique abilities, she has not only embraced her passion for shot put but has excelled in the field, earning recognition and accolades on the Asian stage. K. Narayana, a standout competitor in the PR3 (Mixed) Rowing category, proudly earned the silver medal at the Asian Paragames. With a dedication to the sport and a commitment to excellence, Narayana's journey exemplifies skill in the realm of para sports. Excelling in the challenging discipline of rowing, he has showcased remarkable talent, contributing to his well-deserved recognition on the Asian stage. Narayana's silver medal is not just a personal triumph but stands as a symbol of inspiration for the para sports community, highlighting his prowess and determination in the competitive arena of mixed rowing at the Asian Para games.

Celebration of devotion, culture and spirituality rings through the air, as Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's four day visit to the city culminates



Pune (Voice news service):- From rich Powada recital to soul stirring Gondhal, Vanvaasi Dhol Nritya or Shivrajyabhishek Sohala; to Gyan Ganga- wisdom session with the spiritual master and an interaction with 15,000 farmer beneficiaries, educators and industry leaders, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's four-day visit to the city was a celebration of Maharashtra's rich cultural diversity; spirituality, wisdom and powerful social conversations with stakeholders to take the state and country forward towards the path of inclusive progress and happiness.

"If farmers are not happy, consumers cannot be healthy either," Gurudev said with a sense of urgency and concern, "We have to stop farmer suicides immediately." An MOU was signed between The Art of Living Social Projects & Govt of Maharashtra- MNRREGA, taking the JalTara project forward. Under Art of Living's JalTara project, 45,500 JalTara recharge structures have been constructed in 115 villages in just 2 years benefiting lakhs of people, where water tables have improved by 14 feet on average; farmer incomes have increased by over 120%

on average and crop yields have improved by over 42%. The Art of Living is also training thousands of farmers in natural farming, in more than 1.3 million hectares in Maharashtra, under a recently signed MOU with the Government of Maharashtra. Along with farmers, The Art of Living is also working relentlessly for better mental health of students and in that context, an MOU was also signed by Dr Shirish Nage of Jijamata College for Art of Living youth programs to be conducted in their institutions, to help students deal with mental health concerns like anxiety, depression, stress and provide them practical tools to deal with negative emotions, build confidence and find peace within. The following day, 6th February, was witness to a deeply enlightening session of wisdom - 'Gyan Ganga' that started with a meditation with thousands in attendance in Gurudev's presence. Thousands of people gathered for

a satsang the same evening for soulful music along with cultural performances including Powada a traditional form of Marathi poetry, which originated as a narrative ballad sung to recount heroic deeds, and historical events that celebrate valor and resistance against oppression. Powadas are a powerful cultural expression of the Marathi people's identity and history. Then came Gondhal, another ancient folk art representing the Gondhal community who used this form during the Shivaji era to convey symbolic messages and for social awakening. This was followed by Shivrajyabhishek Sohala, Shivaji Maharaj's coronation ceremony celebrated to mark the beginning of Shivaji Maharaj's road to shaping the Maratha Empire. On 7th February, Gurudev interacted with 100 industry leaders as part of a master class on leadership on 'How to construct and uphold ethics on Business' and 'Conflict resolution in the workplace.'

Young Indians will build "Aaj Ka Bharat" and "Naya Bharat": Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar



Pune (Voice news service):- With a vision to strengthen the growing logistics sector with skilled manpower, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for E&IT, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti felicitated 11 candidates from the first batch of a project under the SANKALP Programme, implemented in the Medinipur district, West Bengal. Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC), the implementation partner of the project

will train 960 candidates, within a year, in job roles like Warehouse Manager, Warehouse Supervisor and Warehouse Associate with placement opportunities within the region and beyond upon the completion and the certification. West Bengal is a key human resource hub in India, with the state being the fourth most populous and second most densely populated region in India. It has the potential to be a source for trained and

quality manpower for the rest of India. Districts with significant scope for organized employment growth and low vocational training densities like West Medinipur are being targeted by private vocational training providers operating in B2C as well as B2B vocational training space. Speaking on the occasion, Shri, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for E&IT, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti, said, "I would like to congratulate all the students today, this is a moment of celebration for us. It is the first time since independence that young Indians have had such unprecedented opportunities when it comes to jobs and entrepreneurship. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi ji, we have created a model that

includes a robust partnership between public representatives, government, and the industry. It is because of such efforts over the past 10 years that we have been able to skill, reskill, and upskill young Indians to build "Aaj Ka Bharat" and "Naya Bharat." The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been focusing on delivering enhanced outcomes for the candidates through industry partnerships post completion of skill training. Projects such as these not only provide superior skill training but also aim to deliver on placement rates of close to 70% - 75%. These placements extend both within the state and across other parts of India promoting sustainable livelihoods for the beneficiaries.

Samsung Launches Galaxy XCover7, its First-Ever Enterprise Exclusive Smartphone

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its first ever enterprise focused smartphone - Galaxy XCover7, a powerful device which is rugged, and offers exceptional usability. Galaxy XCover7, engineered to survive extreme conditions aims to ease the lives of professionals, providing faster connectivity, seamless continuity, and minimizing risk of interruptions caused by external factors, allowing them to work faster and smarter.

The Galaxy XCover7 will deliver enhanced mobility with 5G connectivity, upgraded mobile processor performance and increased memory. Additionally, the Galaxy XCover7 comes with a new powerful rear camera optimised for single and multiple barcode/QR code scanning and expanded display size and resolution, providing users the ability to work in a variety of settings. The easy POGO charging pin for convenient recharging in any setting, and increased touch sensitivity to support usage even with the gloves on makes Galaxy XCover7 a reliable and convenience-oriented product. Defined by its durability and cutting-edge features, the Galaxy XCover7 ensures seamless continuity and enhanced productivity that enable users to work from anywhere in the world. The smartphone series come with an immersive, wide-screen

display that enhances visual clarity, allowing users to work more efficiently even on the field. Knox Vault in Galaxy XCover7 helps protect the most critical data on these devices, including lock screen information like PIN codes, passwords and patterns. "At Samsung our objective is to provide our users convenience and durability through our product offerings. We have introduced Galaxy XCover7 series in two variants, the Galaxy XCover7 Enterprise Edition and Standard Edition. Both devices are engineered with cutting-edge technologies making them extremely powerful and resistant to tough weather conditions. Powered by Knox, we are ex-

pected to bring these revolutionary made in India products to our corporate customers and are optimistic that it will enhance employee productivity and ensures data security", said Mr. Akash Saxena, Vice President, Enterprise Business, Samsung India.



Bisleri International along with PSG College of Arts & Science sets a new Guinness World Record by collecting 79,738.60 kgs of plastic bottles for recycling in 12 hours



Pune (Voice news service):- Bisleri International, India's leading packaged drinking water company, has etched its name in the Guinness Book of World Records by collecting an astounding 79,738.60 kgs of plastic bottles within a remarkable timeframe of 12 hours. This extraordinary achievement underscores Bisleri's commitment to environmental sustainability, through its impactful initiative, the Bisleri Greener Promise. Bisleri International along with PSG College of Arts &

Science, Coimbatore orchestrated the mega collection drive in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, and surpassed the previous record set by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in 2018, collecting 33,355.55 kgs of used plastic bottles. The collection effort witnessed enthusiastic participation from PSG college students, staff, the Bisleri 'Bottles for Change' team, other educational institutions, residents in housing colonies, corporate houses, and collection from public spaces

throughout Coimbatore. Mr. K Ganesh, Senior General Manager, Corporate Affairs & Chief Sustainability Officer at Bisleri International Pvt Ltd, expressed his reflections on this milestone, stating, "Through the Bottles for Change program under Bisleri Greener Promise, we have not only set a new Guinness World Record but have also ignited widespread awareness about plastic recycling.

The success of this initiative is a testament to our commitment to raising awareness and contributing to the circular economy. Our ambition is to extend this impactful initiative to other cities, involving more people in building a Greener India." The 'Bottles for Change' program by Bisleri stands as a testament to the commitment to a circular economy, focusing on raising awareness about the value of used plastic and its potential for recycling and repurposing. It

instills behavior change towards responsible disposal of plastic after cleaning and sorting. The program encourages active community participation involving all stakeholders - students, households, corporates, and the recycling industry. Bisleri also facilitates sending materials directly for recycling, preventing them from ending up in landfills. And we work with recyclers for value-added repurposing of used plastic into items of utility for society. PET, used in beverage bottles, can be effectively upcycled into various items such as apparel, bags, shoes, and T-shirts. Bisleri has demonstrated this through tangible examples, including corporate uniforms made from recycled PET bottles and the 'Bench of Dreams' initiative, crafting benches from recycled plastic for public spaces, prominently placed in Bandra, Mumbai, under the Bandra Sustainable Beautification Drive.

Yamaha introduces FZ-X in the all-new Chrome color scheme



Pune (Voice news service):- India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt. Ltd., in line with

'The Call of The Blue' brand campaign, today introduced FZ-X in a stunning Chrome

color scheme, elevating the style quotient of the line-up. This recent introduction reaffirms Yamaha's dedication to keeping its product range refreshed and contemporary, ensuring it resonates with the dynamic preferences of its customer base, particularly the vibrant younger buyers. The Chrome color scheme exudes timeless elegance with its brilliant finish. The variant retains the FZ-X's robust performance and cutting-edge technology that Yamaha is renowned for.

The new color addition guarantees a blend of both style and performance to customers. The FZ-X in Chrome

color is available at a price of INR 1,39,700 (Ex-showroom, Delhi).

The first 100 online bookings for the variant will get a Casio G-Shock watch on delivery of the vehicle.

FZ-X will maintain its current features, including a 149-cc engine with 12.4 PS peak power @ 7,250 rpm and 13.3 Nm peak torque @ 5500 rpm, Traction Control System (TCS), single-channel ABS in the front with a rear disc brake, Multi-function LCD instrument cluster, LED headlight, rear mudguard, lower engine guard, and Bluetooth-enabled Y-Connect App, among others.

Tata Motors creates another Industry 1st Launches Tiago and Tigor iCNG AMT - India's 1st AMT CNG Cars

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's leading automotive manufacturer, announced the launch of the Tiago and Tigor iCNG AMT - India's 1st AMT CNG Cars. With an impressive mileage of 28.06 Km/kg, the cars will be available at a starting price of ₹ 7.89 lakhs for the Tiago iCNG and ₹ 8.84 lakhs for the Tigor iCNG (Ex-showroom, Delhi). Adding to the current color palette, the company will be introducing an interesting new Tornado Blue in the Tiago, Grassland Beige in Tiago NRG and a Meteor Bronze in the Tigor. Commenting on launch, Mr. Amit Kamat, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Motors Pas-

senger Vehicles Ltd. said, "CNG, known for its widespread availability and accessibility, has garnered considerable acceptance over the years. Tata Motors has revolutionized the CNG segment with various industry firsts like the twin-cylinder technology (helping provide no compromise boot space), high end feature choices and direct start in CNG. In the past 24 months we have sold more than 1.3 lakh CNG vehicles. In our effort to further drive volumes and provide our customers with the best, we are now proudly launching the Tiago and the Tigor iCNG in AMT—Introduc-



ing India to its 1st AMT CNG Cars. "Tata Motors boasts of the widest CNG portfolio, including Tiago, Tigor, Altroz and the Punch. As one of the top 2 brands in the CNG market, we have experienced a remarkable 67.9% growth

in CNG sales in FY24 compared to the previous year. With the introduction of these Intelligent, Safe and Powerful twins, we are confident to further improve demand for this fuel option, in turn continuing to sustain our growth momentum in passenger cars."

NIKON'S UPGRADED NX TETHER SOFTWARE INTRODUCING LIVE VIEW MONITORING



Pune (Voice news service):- Nikon India Pvt. Ltd. has launched the latest version of its NX Tether software - Version 2.0.0, and it's a game-changer! This release includes the much-awaited and highly demanded feature - Live View Monitor - for both photo and video-tethered shooting[1]. With this new feature, users can now achieve a worry-free, seamless shooting experience. The newly upgraded software is ideal for studio shoots by providing a Live view display for seamless remote shooting and photo and video control compatible with tether shooting scenes. Upgrades to the user interface and adjustable layout on the computer screen will allow Nikon users to customize their window arrangements for more efficient

work. NX TETHER VERSION 2.0.0 PRIMARY FEATURES New Live view screen for real-time monitoring The upgraded software boasts a new Live View screen that provides users with seamless workflow, real-time monitoring, video control, and other Nikon functions, ensuring a more efficient and productive experience. Offers Excellent Tethered Shooting for Professionals & Hobbyists The New software comes packed with a remote shooting style that is perfect for capturing scenes in studios, especially for fashion, product photography, and videography. This highly reliable software can prove to be a great aid for both professionals and hobbyists in challenging situations where direct camera control or touch is not always practical. Tethered shooting scenes with full compatibility Hosting a fashion or studio shoot with the clients wanting to see your work on the spot? The upgraded software of-

fers professional photographers' efficiency and peace of mind by maintaining the simple user interface even when doubling the functions with Live view and videos for immediate review. It also provides Active D-lighting, focus control, focus point display, picture and video control, and the option to connect and control operations via built-in Wi-Fi with our Nikon Wireless Transmitter Utility. Users of the software will be able to transfer JPEG and HEIF files in different image qualities and file formats depending on their Nikon cameras. Flexible window arrangements and simple design for efficient workflow Already know your client's preferred styles and want to ensure the settings are in place during your advertising shoots? The Nikon NX Tether Version 2.0.0 has also upgraded its user interface to support intuitive camera control. The easy-to-understand status display enables a more efficient workflow, while the easy-to-read display of func-

tionality and flexible screen configurations allow software users to further customize and configure their screens for better efficiency. The software's customisable interface allows you to couple operations with Nikon's NX Studio to speed up operations, display a larger Live view for feedback and review sessions during shoots, and check all settings to conduct video and photo shoots with greater confidence. Supported OS Windows: Microsoft Windows 11, Microsoft Windows 10, Mac: macOS Sonoma 14, macOS Monterey 12, Supported Cameras[2] Z 9, Z 8, Z 7II, Z 6II, Z 7, Z 6, D780, D6 Availability For more information on the new Nikon NX Tether software upgrade Version 2.0.0 and other Nikon products, please visit <https://www.nikon.co.in> Nikon Download Center The NX Tether Version 2.0.0 software will be available at the Nikon Download Center from 7 February 2024 onwards.

Firefly Fire Pumps Secures Prestigious Business Excellence Award for Innovations in Global Firefighting Solutions

Pune (Voice news service):- Firefly Fire Pumps, India's largest manufacturer, supplier, and exporter of firefighting pumps, has been honoured with the prestigious Business Excellence Award at MAHATech 2024. The recognition comes in light of Firefly's pioneering contributions to innovative solutions in firefighting pumps, propelling Indian industries onto the global stage. Mr. Rohit Mali, Director of Firefly Fire Pumps, received the award today during a prestigious ceremony held in Pune. Mr. Rohit Mali, Director of Firefly Fire Pumps, expressed his gratitude stating, "I am truly honoured to receive the prestigious Business Excellence Award on behalf of Firefly Fire Pumps. This rec-

ognition highlights Firefly's unwavering dedication to ensuring safety and reliability for our clients worldwide. The award is a testament to our team's relentless dedication to excellence, and we are deeply privileged to be acknowledged for our commitment to keeping communities safe. We are thrilled to secure this prestigious award as we celebrate our 61st year of business in India and globally. This achievement signifies our dedication to producing premium fire pumps under the 'Make in India' initiative for the global market. At Firefly, we take pride in leading not only in business performance but also in corporate social responsibility. Our proactive fire safety approach underscores our dedication to making a



positive impact on society and the environment, ensuring the safety of lives and properties. This recognition motivates us to continue our journey of innovation and responsible business practices for a safer and more sustainable future". MAHATech 2024, currently in its 20th edition, is a pivotal

B2B industrial exhibition focusing on the diverse industrial products essential for the manufacturing sector. Held in Pune, the exhibition serves as a major platform, particularly for the SME segment, contributing significantly to the backbone of the economy in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

GrindingHub exhibitors demonstrate: Human-robot collaboration could soon be setting the pace in factories

Pune (Voice news service):- Incorporating manual grinding, polishing or brushing processes into automated production might sound good on paper, but it is very difficult to achieve in practice. More and more machine manufacturers are responding to this challenge by offering grinding technology combined with flexible automation systems. Unlike many OEMs, however, SME users are likely to prefer an incremental approach involving moderate individual investments. Existing machines and retrofits can play a special role here. Exhibitors at GrindingHub, the industry meeting point for grinding technology in Stuttgart, will provide an insight into their solutions and research projects before the trade fair begins. One thing is clear: Automation is certainly enjoying a boom. According to the VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association), the pressure to raise productivity and the shortage of skilled workers are making it more important than ever to invest in production technology, regardless of the short-term economic prospects. Grind-

ing is no exception here – on the contrary: faster production speeds, more exacting tolerances, reproducible quality and potential savings represent attractive propositions, also for companies that are still offering manual processing. Concentrated expertise and comprehensive support Trade fairs such as GrindingHub 2024 (14 to 17 May) show how manufacturers of grinding, honing, lapping and polishing machines are adapting to the demands. The solutions on display include machine tools with dedicated robots for loading and discharging workpieces, or additional robot cells for the automatic execution of testing, cleaning, deburring, laser marking and storage processes. Aimed at driving forward the automation of grinding processes, strategic partnerships are often forged between machine and robot suppliers, for example. Such partnerships bring together expertise from the areas of stationary machines and flexible automation (robotics). When it comes to automating processes, 3M Deutschland

from Neuss demonstrates just how many factors need to be taken into account. The specialist in industrial abrasives is cooperating with Schunk, Lauffen/Neckar, manufacturer of gripping systems and clamping technology. Both are exhibiting at GrindingHub – a platform which provides comprehensive information and advice on this topic. 3M has put its decades of experience in the automation of grinding into its manual designed to help users determine their exact automation requirements when preparing for projects. The manual includes questions on the optical and technical requirements of surface finishes, on the sequence of process steps for specific workpieces, on tools and abrasives. As 3M points out, the number of factors to be considered can be "overwhelming". According to experts, this is no doubt the reason why around two thirds of all companies seeking to automate processes in their factory bring in external consultants or system integrators. Support is also offered by the university and Fraunhofer institutes affiliated with

the WGP (German Academic Association for Production Technology). The primary focus of these is on conducting research into new production technologies, and their effective transfer to industrial production. Definition and systematic evaluation of automation goals "In general, companies are aware of these, or have at least identified certain processes in their production that could be automated. However, many are not sure where to start," says Arturo Bastidas-Cruz, research associate in the Process Automation and Robotics department at the Fraunhofer IPK (Institute for Production Systems and Design Technology) in Berlin. The Institute offers support on precisely this issue. Fraunhofer IPK's analysis of automation potential includes individual consultations and workshops. To this end, Bastidas-Cruz has developed a tool to systematically evaluate the automation potential of production processes. "We have developed a piece of software which formalizes our broad empirical knowledge and allows reliable assessments to be made," he says.

The Legend Reborn: Kinetic Green launches E-Luna, an All-Electric and Stylish Avatar of the Iconic Luna

Pune (Voice news service):- Kinetic Green, a leading manufacturer of electric vehicles in India, proudly introduced the highly anticipated E-Luna today, a stylish, multi-utility electric two-wheeler with advanced technology and features, at a prestigious event in New Delhi. This all-new electric version of the iconic Luna was unveiled at the hands of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, alongside Dr. Hanif Qureshi, IPS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Gol, Dr. Arun Firodia, Chairman of Kinetic Group, and Ms. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO of Kinetic Green, adding great significance to the momentous occasion. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, expressed his excitement about the launch, stating, "The electric revolution in the automotive industry is gaining momentum, and Kinetic Green's E-Luna, with its versatile features and affordability, matches the government's vision for sustainable transportation. What catches my attention about the E-Luna is not merely the fact of reducing carbon footprint, but along with Tier 1 cities, the E-Luna is also aimed at providing e-mobility for Tier 2, Tier 3 cities and rural areas of India. This is where the real Bharat is! It is a vehicle



that encourages geographical inclusivity. This is the inclusivity that will see Bharat grow, expand and become a leading economic superpower in the world. With products like this, we can envision a future where electric mobility is not just a luxury but a practical and affordable choice for everyone. I congratulate Kinetic Green for their vision and wish them success in transforming the landscape of electric mobility in our country." During the unveiling of E-Luna, Ms. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO of Kinetic Green said, "The E-Luna's unveiling is a proud moment for Kinetic Green, marking a nostalgic return to Luna's legacy. E-Luna's entry into the realm of electric mobility is nothing short of a revolution. Beyond just a vehicle launch, it represents our vision of inclusion for the future of e-mobility. Today, electric vehicles have reached only a 5 to 6 % penetration in the

automobile market and two of the key reasons for this are that most of today's electric vehicle options are expensive making them unaffordable for a vast majority and many of them are not suitable to ride beyond the metro or large cities, making their appeal niche and limited. This is where E-Luna emerges as a beacon of hope, because with E-Luna, electric mobility will become a practical and affordable choice for everyone and everywhere in India. At an introductory ex-showroom price of Rs. 69,990, E-Luna is not only the most affordable high speed electric two-wheeler but also the most easy-on-pocket two-wheeler with its 10 paise per km running cost! This electric Multi-Utility Vehicle (MUV), designed for personal or commercial use, goes beyond typical EV products. Symbolizing innovation and minimalist yet futuristic user-centric design, the E-Luna is fully made in

India and designed for Bharat, reflecting our commitment to a sustainable, equitable, and progressive future. In this transformative journey, we are today redefining electric mobility, creating a narrative that echoes the iconic Luna's spirit and shapes India's transportation future." Dr. Arun Firodia, Chairman of Kinetic Group said, "The E-Luna's rebirth signifies a great milestone in Kinetic's journey, offering more than mere transportation. This ground-breaking venture not only signifies a leap into the future of transportation, but also evokes a profound sense of nostalgia, tapping into the beautiful memories and emotions connected with the Luna. This brings a unique touch, reminding us of the simpler times while at the same time, propelling us into a modern era of innovation. E-Luna effortlessly preserves the nostalgic charm of its predecessor, while embracing sustainability and cutting-edge technology. I am proud to state that the E-Luna is 100% designed for India and 100% Made in India! We are also proud to share that entire Kinetic Group has supported the E-Luna development, and our group companies like Kinetic Engineering, Kinetic Communications and Kinetic Electric Motor Company have developed the key components like the E-Luna trademark chassis.